Welcome, Ambassadors!

10th Annual Ambassador Day October 17, 2023

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A Shared Tomorrow







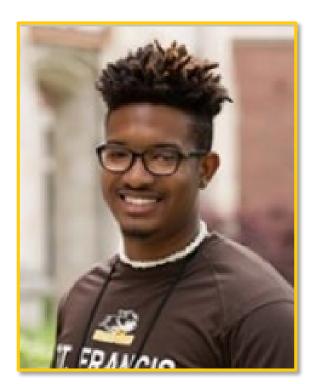
Fall 2023 Semester



USF campuses came alive with the start of the fall 2023 semester on Monday, August 21.



Enrollment Update





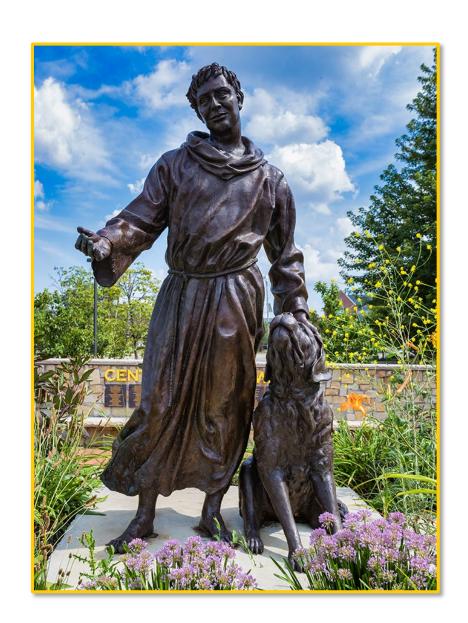
Earning a degree from USF is an investment in your future and can yield a high return on investment.



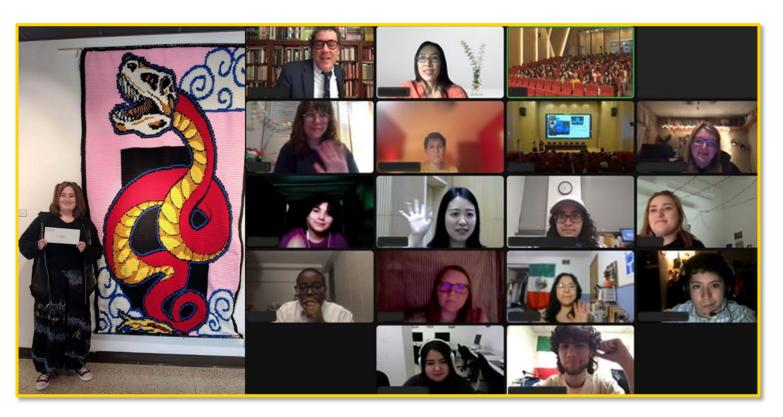
Financial Outlook

- Operational surplus for a 10th consecutive year
- Financial capacity increase of \$30.5 million in the past 10 years
- Total net assets are \$58.8 million





Partners in Education











Our Students Are Central to Our Mission

- USF prepares students to contribute to the world through service and leadership.
- USF also realizes its mission through its many co-curricular activities.





First-Generation College Students

• 2023: 52%

• 2022: 50%

• 2021: 51%

• 2020: 60%

• 2019: 58%

• 2018 57%

• 2017: 64%

• 2016: 56%

• 2015: 55%

• 2014: 62%



56% | 10-Year Average



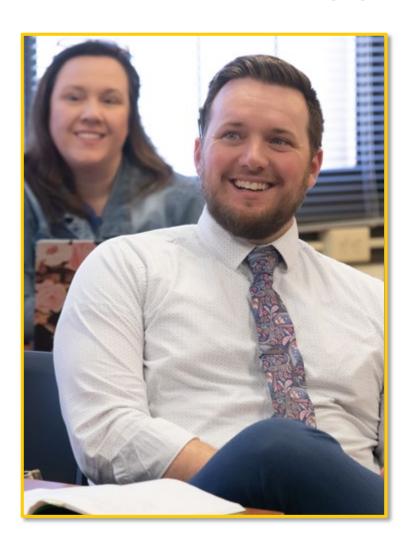
Keeping College Affordable



- \$22 million in institutional aid and scholarships provided
- Student loan default rate lower than the average of our peers and close to half that of the Illinois and national averages



Recognized Academic Excellence



- 90% of undergraduates are employed and/or are attending graduate school within six months of graduation.
- A vast majority of USF students are earning degrees that focus on serving people, such as nursing, healthcare, education and business.



U.S. Department of Education Scorecard

	USF	Peer Average*
Average annual cost	\$16,578	\$18,153
Graduation rate	67%	63%
Students who return after their first year	77%	76%
Students receiving federal loans	60%	68%
Median earnings 10 years after starting college	\$60,919	\$58,841



from collegescorecard.ed.gov

^{*} Includes Benedictine University, Dominican University, Lewis University and Saint Xavier University

Nationally Ranked

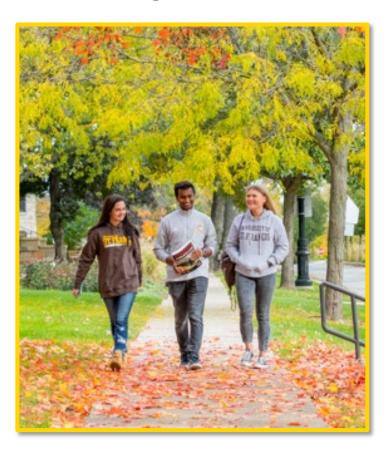




Campus Safety

WalletHub ranked USF #1
in Illinois in its "Campus
Safety" category of its
annual college &
university rankings for
three years in a row.







Go Fighting Saints!



- Over 430 student-athletes
- 94 All-Conference honors
- 22 NAIA All-Americans
- 106 NAIA Scholar honors (3.5+ GPA)
- Student-athlete cumulative GPA last spring was 3.31 (school record)



Specialized Accreditations









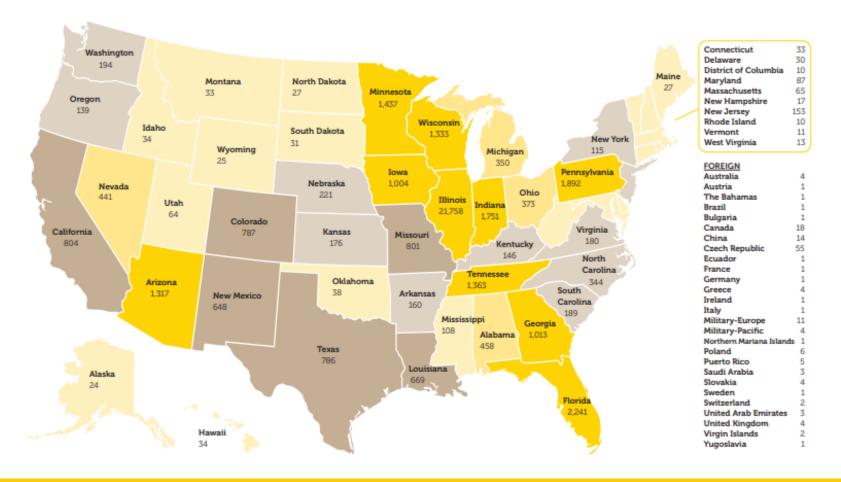








Saints Across the States





Our Mission

USF's mission ensures that we remain respectful of our past, it also keeps us mindful of our future and our responsibility, which is to serve our students the best that we can and encourage them to be the best they can be as they create their own unique USF experience.





Called to Serve. Called to Lead.



A Shared Tomorrow - A Closer Look -





A Shared Tomorrow — Proud to be a Hispanic-Serving Institute —

- Designation by the U.S. Department of Education
- Undergraduate full-time equivalent student population that is comprised of at least 25 percent Hispanic students
- USF awarded Title V
 "Developing HSIs" funding worth
 close to \$3M over 5 years.





A Shared Tomorrow – USF Small Business Accelerator —

- \$500,000 U.S. Small
 Business Administration
 FY23 Congressional
 Community Project Grant
- New USF Small Business
 Accelerator (fully funded by the grant) will specifically benefit small businesses in underserved categories





A Shared Tomorrow - ANEW Grant -

- \$1.35M grant (over four years) by the Health Resources and Services Administration
- Help to increase access to quality health/behavioral health care for underserved and rural areas including Will, Grundy and Cook counties





A Shared TomorrowWill County Heroes —

- Will County is investing \$10 million in American Rescue Plan (ARPA) dollars to increase recruitment in the high-demand fields of teaching and nursing.
- Includes partnership with USF





Our Town...Your University



Center for Nonprofit Excellence

- Provides efficient and value-added professional services to Will County nonprofit organizations with limited financial resources
- Allows the nonprofit organizations to focus primarily on their core mission-driven objectives in the community
- Visit stfrancis.edu/cne for more information.

Upcoming Events



Light Up the Holidays Parade & Festival

Friday, Nov. 24, 2023 Downtown Joliet

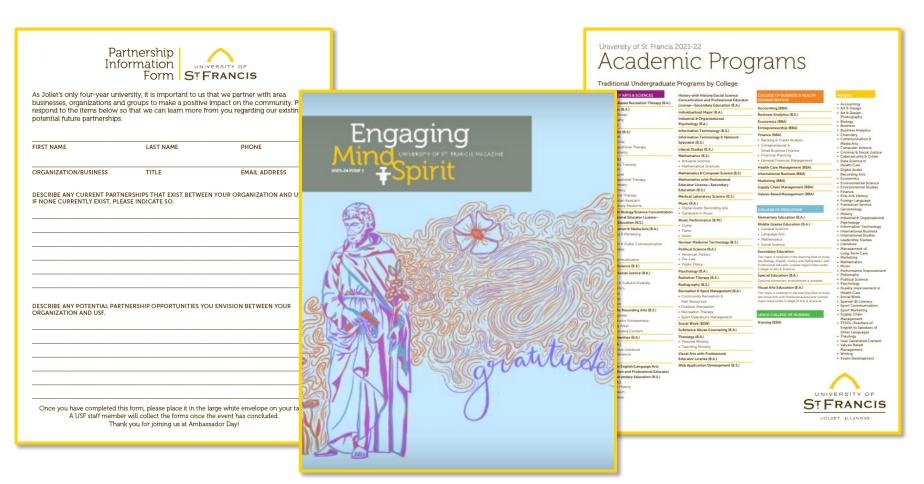
Caritas Scholarship Celebration

Saturday, Apr. 13, 2024 Sullivan Center (USF)





For You...Our "Ambassadors"





Pace e Bene!





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